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SUBJ: DANISH COMMUNIST MP ARRIVES IN LISBON AHEAD
OF PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN

REFA. STATE 188416 B. COPENHAGEN 2266

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SUMMARY: IN A MOVE TO UPSTAGE DANISH PRIME MINISTER
ANKER JORGENSEN, DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY

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IB NORLUND ARRIVED IN PORTUGAL AHEAD OF HIM ON AUGUST 8.

JORGENSEN LEFT COPENHAGEN FOR LISBON AS PLANNED
AUGUST 10 DESPITE A FLURRY OF TELEPHONE THREATS TO
HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. END SUMMARY.

1) IN STORIES OUT OF LISBON THE WEEKEND AND MONDAY
COPENHAGEN PRESS LED BY COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER LAND AND FOLK,
CARRIED STORIES OF THE VISIT TO PORTUGAL BY DANISH
COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) SECRETARY IB NORLUND. NORLUND
REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN PORTUGAL AUGUST 8 IN RESPONSE TO
AN INVITATION BY THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF "EXCHANGING INFORMATION". DANISH COMMUNIST MP
HANNE RINTOFT TOLD THE AUGUST 11 TABLOID, BT, THAT
NORLUND'S VISIT WAS OBVIOUSLY ONLY IN HIS PARTY CAPACITY
AND THUS JUSTIFIED CONTRARY TO THAT OF PRIME MINISTER
ANKER JORGENSEN.

2) JORGENSEN LEFT COPENHAGEN AS PLANNED THE EVENING OF
AUGUST 10 ACCOMPANIED BY POUL NIELSEN, FORMER SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC MP AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY'S FOREIGN POLICY
COMMITTEE. JORGENSEN LEFT DESPITE A FLURRY OF TELEPHONE
THREATS TO HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY WARNING HIM NOT TO
INTERFERE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. OTHERS,
HOWEVER, HAVE ASKED WHY EUROPEAN DEMOCRATS SHOULD NOT
HELP SUPPORT DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL SINCE THE COMMUNISTS
THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY GETTING OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE FROM
EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

3) UPON HIS DEPARTURE, JORGENSEN AGAIN EMPHASIZED TO A
CORRESPONDENT OF HIS PARTY'S DAILY, AKTUELST, THAT HIS
VISIT WAS STRICTLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS LEADER OF THE
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HERE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THIS WOULD
BE THE FIRST VISIT BY A WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
LEADER AFTER THE MEETING IN STOCKHOLM AND WAS MEANT TO
SHOW SYMPATHY AND MORAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES
IN PORTUGAL.

4) COMMENT: NORLUND'S TRIP WAS OBVIOUSLY PLANNED TO TAKE
THE WIND OUT OF ANKER JORGENSEN'S SAILS AND PRE-EMPT
PUBLICITY WITHIN PORTUGAL. WE HOPE TO OBTAIN A FULL
ACCOUNT ABOUT JORGENSEN'S VISIT UPON HIS RETURN TO DENMARK.
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5) RE REF A, WE TRUST THAT REFS B, C AND D HAVE BEEN OF
SOME ASSISTANCE IN DESCRIBING DANISH ATTITUDES TOWARD
THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT
DANISH THINKING ON THE SUBJECT.
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